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What is claimed is:

- 1 *SW* 1. A method of creating a relational database comprising the steps of:
 2 *AV* a. obtaining information from at least one information source,
 3 wherein updated information is obtained automatically on a predetermined
 4 periodic basis from the at least one information source;
 5 b. inputting the information into a relational database within a
 6 predetermined time from when the information is obtained from the at least one
 7 information source, wherein the information contained in the database is
 8 constantly replaced by the new information;
 9 c. sorting the information into at least one searchable unit within
 10 the database; and
 11 d. allowing at least one entity access to the information
 12 contained in the database.
- 1 2. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the information is
 2 personal information about at least one individual.
- 1 3. The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the at least one
 2 information source is selected from the group consisting of government agencies,
 3 professional organizations, courts, educational institutions, licensing bodies,
 4 certification bodies, and legal business entities.
- 1 4. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the information is
 2 replaced by new information as soon as the new information becomes available.
- 1 5. The method as claimed in Claim 2, further including the step of
 2 allowing at least one individual to access the database to review personal
 3 information about the at least one individual.
- 1 6. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the information is
 2 provided proactively from the at least one information source.
- 1 7. The method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the information is
 2 verified by the at least one information source.
- 1 8. The method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the information is
 2 verified by an independent party.

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1 9. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the updated information
2 is provided automatically to the at least one entity.

1 10. The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the updated information
2 is provided automatically to the at least one entity and the information is about the
3 at least one individual.

1 11. A business method for providing information from a relational
2 database comprising the steps of:

- 3 a. obtaining initial information from at least one information
4 source;
- 5 b. inputting the information into a relational;
- 6 c. sorting the information into at least one searchable unit within
7 the database;
- 8 d. obtaining updated information from the at least one
9 information source;
- 10 e. replacing the initial information with the updated information
11 within a predetermined time from when the updated information is obtained;
- 12 f. allowing at least one entity access to the information
13 contained in the database;
- 14 g. repeating steps b through e as often as updated information
15 is obtained; and
- 16 h. repeating step f as often as the at least one entity desires
17 access to the information.

1 12. The business method as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the database
2 is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database
3 owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information.

1 13. The business method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein the database
2 is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the at least one
3 entity to the database owner for access to the information.

1 14. The business method as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the
2 information is personal information about at least one individual.

1 15. The business method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the
2 information is provided proactively from the at least one information source.

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1 16. The business method as claimed in Claim 15, wherein the
2 information is provided automatically from the at least one information source.

1 17. The business method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the updated
2 information is provided automatically to the at least one entity

1 18. The business method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the at least
2 one entity automatically on a periodic basis receives information from the
3 database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one
4 entity to the database.

1 19. The business method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the at least
2 one entity receives upon request information from the database regarding a
3 number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one entity to the database.

1 20. The business method as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the at least
2 one entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the
3 database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one entity desires to
4 create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one individual.

1 21. A method for collecting and providing information about individuals
2 comprising the steps of:

3 a. obtaining information about individuals from at least one
4 information provider;

5 b. entering the information about individuals into a relational
6 database;

7 c. providing access to the relational database to at least one
8 interested entity;

9 d. obtaining updated information about individuals from the at
10 least one information provider;

11 e. comparing the updated information about individuals to the
12 information entered into the relational database;

13 f. replacing the information entered into the relational database
14 with the updated information about individuals if the updated information about
15 individuals is more recent than the information entered into the relational database
16 to create an updated relational database;

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g. repeating steps d through f as additional updated information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider.

22. The method as claimed in Claim 21, further comprising the step of:

h. transmitting the updated relational database to the at least one interested party.

23. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information source on a constant periodic basis.

24. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available.

25. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a constant periodic basis.

26. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

27. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available and the relational database is provided to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

28. The method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the information about individuals is obtained from the at least one information provider on a continuous basis when updated information about individuals is available and the relational database is transmitted to the at least one interested entity on a continuous basis.

29. The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the database is owned by a database owner and wherein a payment is made by the database owner to the at least one information source for the provision of information about individuals, and wherein a payment is made by the at least one interested entity to the database owner for being provided the information about individuals.

30. The method as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the information is obtained automatically from the at least one information source and wherein the updated information is provided automatically to the at least one interested entity

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1 31. The method as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the at least one
2 interested entity automatically on a periodic basis receives information from the
3 database regarding a number of discrete individuals identified by the at least one
4 interested entity to the database.

1 32. The method as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the at least one
2 interested entity obtains the information about the at least one individual from the
3 database for the purpose of determining whether the at least one interested entity
4 desires to create, maintain or terminate a relationship with the at least one
5 individual.

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